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1. The economic conditions in the area of Boka Kotorska and in Montenegro are reported to be disastrous. In some of the villages people are said to live for an entire month without bread, subsisting on potatoes only. In Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, each person receives a monthly ration of seven kilograms of bread; however, the rations are not distributed regularly. The peasants are unalterably opposed to the "kolkhoz" and in the town of Grbalj several bloody encounters between the independent peasantry and the "kolkhoz" officials are reported to have occurred during the past harvest.
2. The Cominform is not very active in the region of Boka Kotorska. Neither are there any nationalist rebels in the area, since the last group of these, comprising 23 members, was destroyed last year as the result of a betrayal. The UDB is said to dominate the entire existence of the people. Many people are unemployed as a result of the influx of proletarianized (sic) peasants to the cities.
3. When compared to conditions prevailing prior to World War II, the present state of industry is said to be worse. The largest part of industry is engaged in production of a military nature. In Perast there is a large military factory for the manufacture of uniforms; it employs 450 workers.¹ The machinery in use at this factory is powered completely by electricity.
4. All fishermen in the area have been forced to organize themselves into cooperatives. Headquarters for such cooperatives are located at Krtole, Bijela, and Mucica. A lack of fishing equipment has caused wide discontent among the fishermen.
5. Information is given with regard to the following military installations:
 - a. There are an unspecified number of military transport vehicles at Kumbor. There are no naval units there at the present time.
 - b. There are anti-aircraft batteries at Vrmac, Gorazde, Zupa near Tivat, Grahovac, Obestnik, Cape Kocista and Arza.
 - c. New coast artillery emplacements have been activated on Cape Traste Bigova. There are no airplanes or seaplanes on the Cape.

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6. The Tivat Naval Arsenal on Boka Katorska employs approximately 1,500 workers. The arsenal is equipped with a dry dock and two large cranes, one having a grab capacity of 40 tons and the other of 25 tons. The purpose of the arsenal is principally one of repairing naval craft. The commander of the installation is a certain Lt. Colonel Ruzic.²
7. The following information pertains to government officials in the region of Boka Katorska:
 - a. Captain Petar Batuta, from Grbalj is head of the UDB. He is assisted by Jovo Radjenovic and Savo Starovic.
 - b. Mato Matijevic is the chief of police of Kotor.
 - c. Voji Brinic is the Boka Katorska delegate to the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party.
 - d. Gligoriye Mandic is the most important military figure in the region. He is presently a general, having risen from the rank of sergeant in the Royal Yugoslav Army.
8. According to source, many persons in the Boka Katorska region are in prison at the present time as a result of their anti-governmental activities.

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment: Your attention is directed further to [REDACTED] for information previously reported on the Tivat Naval Arsenal. A Major Ante Ruzic is described therein as the commander of the Arsenal Ship Repair Shop.

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